

Thematic Group on Nurturing Skills for a Thriving and Sustainable Agricultural Sector

Agenda

1st TG Meeting

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Introduction

The Thematic Group (TG) on Nurturing Skills for a Thriving and Sustainable Agricultural Sector will aim to explore needs and opportunities related to agricultural skills development and their updating, with a focus on the agricultural workforce and on the (new) skills needed to strengthen farmers in the food-supply chain.

Aims of the meeting:

- Introduce the Thematic Group and its members, outlining the mission and objectives of the group.
- Provide some background information on priority skill gaps and challenges in agriculture.
- Engage participants in meaningful discussions to identify demanded skills and changing stages throughout a farmer's career.
- Explore with selected stakeholders, through concrete examples, how agricultural professionals can access customised training programs to address evolving needs and challenges.
- Co-design the next steps of the TG (in between meetings and second TG meeting) with participants.



Timing	Agenda item
8.30 – 9.00	Registration – virtual meeting room opens
9.00 – 9.15	Introduction Introduction to the Thematic Group, CAPI CP
9.15 – 9.30	Getting to know TG members – Ice breaker activity
9.30 – 10.00	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framing presentation, Andrew Moxey, agricultural economist, UK • Plenary discussion
10.00 – 10.30	The demand for (new) skills across career stages in farming - Group discussions (world café methodology) - round 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm development and diversification • Sustainable farming practices • Digital and technological literacy
10.30 – 10.45	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.45 – 11.45	The demand for (new) skills across career stages in farming - Group discussions (world café methodology) - round 2 and 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Farm development and diversification • Sustainable farming practices • Digital and technological literacy
11.45 – 12.00	Reporting back



12.00 – 13.00	Panel discussion Moderator: CAPI CP <i>The panel will explore strategies for supporting continuous skill development in agricultural careers and identifying key providers of these skills.</i> Panellists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Iacopo Benedetti, Project Manager, On Projects Advising (Spain)• Diana Lenzi, Farmer & representative of Confagricoltura (Italy)• Ivan Ivanov, EFFAT - European Federation of Trade Unions in the Food, Agriculture and Tourism• Carmel Finlay, Teagasc (Ireland)
13.00 – 13.15	Conclusions – summary and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Main take-aways from the day, DG AGRI• Next steps for the Thematic Group, CAPI CP

